

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-22, 24, 26-30 and 32-38 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 14, 26, 32 and 37 have been amended as shown on pages 2-7 of the Reply. Claims 25, 31 and 40 stand cancelled herein. Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the teleconference of August 29, 2007 wherein the Examiner indicated withdrawal of rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §101 in view of the aforementioned claim amendments.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 14, 26 and 32 Under 35 U.S.C §112

Claims 1, 14, 26 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for the following reasons. Claims 1, 14, 26 and 32 have been amended to cure the minor informalities pointed out by the Examiner. In view of the above, this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claims 25, 31 and 40 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 25, 31 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for the following reasons. Claims 25, 31 and 40 have been cancelled herein, and in view of this, this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP599US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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